

SMOKE SIGNALS

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Administration's Message

Dear Residents:

As you all know, the Village Celebration of our 50th Anniversary since incorporation took place on Saturday, August 8, 2009 at Blackhawk Park. The event was attended by about 400 residents and friends. We enjoyed the entertainment of the Jesse White Tumblers presented by the honorable Jesse White Secretary of State and a presentation by the Cook County Sheriff's Canine Unit. Musical entertainment was provided by the wonderful performances of the West Suburban Concert Band and the Dynamic Acoustic Duo (including IHP resident Sean Cantorna). The children enjoyed the "moon walks", face painting and tattoos provided by the Shriner's Clowns, and balloon figures fashioned by IHP resident Yahoudi the Great. We served over 500 sandwiches plus chips, beverages, and ice cream. We distributed 50th Anniversary Commemorative tote bags for grocery shopping. That it was a FUN time and well worth the effort put in by all those involved was obvious from the enthusiastic comments of our residents in appreciation of the event and the queries concerning whether we will do it again next year!!

On behalf of all our residents, I want to thank all our Sponsors and the volunteers (listed elsewhere in this edition of Smoke Signals) whose efforts contributed to the success of the event. I extend my personal appreciation and gratitude to them! Thank you to manager Chris Englund at our Walgreens and Chris Gabrielides at the Dome for recognizing our 50th Anniversary on their outdoor signs.

Before I repeat my comments from the Celebration here, I want to explain that we are repeating the list of Past Presidents to correct an oversight from the original list printed in the last edition of Smoke Signals through the inadvertent omission of past president David McAfee's name. We regret this oversight.

The Event began with an opening Welcome to the Village of Indian Head Park's 50th Anniversary Celebration. We extended welcomes to our guests, residents, and friends. In particular we welcomed the local elected officials and dignitaries who honored us with their presence on that special day in the history of our Village: the honorable Mayor Robert Conrad (Countryside) and Mayor Jeff Tobolski (McCook) were in attendance as well as the honorable Judy Baar Topinka. This was followed by the introduction of our local Village officials: Village Clerk **Joe Consolo**; Trustees **Debbie Anselmo**, **Brian Bailey**, **Anne Bermier**, **Carol Coleman** (away due to a family commitment) **Norm Schnauffer**, and **Matt Walsh**.

We were privileged to gather and celebrate a Golden Milestone in the history of our Village thanks to those who serve and have served in our Nation's Armed Forces.

Everyone joined in a moment of silence in honor of those who have sacrificed for the freedom we enjoy and take advantage every single day!

The Village was then presented with a beautiful plaque and single-star banner (displayed in the Village board room) by Therese Schey, American Legion Auxiliary, and Don Baumgart, Commander, Robert J. Coulter American Legion Post 1941. Following this presentation, I commented as follows:

This indeed is a joyous day. 50 years ago on August 4, 1959, the dreams of our founding families were fulfilled when the Village was incorporated. The need for a reliable source of water – well water provided by the municipality, and safety provided by local police drove those dreams. A lot has transpired in the last 50 years and you have to agree that we have accomplished much. A lot of things were taking place in our country when our Village began. Let me ask your indulgence for a moment to reflect back to that year and what transpired to help gauge what has happened in the past 50 years and what we have accomplished.

In 1959, America entered the space race by launching 2 rhesus monkeys **Able** and **Baker** on a sub-orbital space flight. NASA selected seven military pilots to become the 1st U.S. Astronauts – the so-called **Mercury 7** Astronauts! The Mattel Company introduced the **BARBIE** doll. The long-lasting **alkaline battery** was invented. Hit movies that year included **North by Northwest**; **Pillow Talk**, **Some Like It Hot** and Disney's **Sleeping Beauty**. TV hits that year included: **Rawhide**, the **Twilight Zone** and the **Untouchables**. The Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Chicago White Sox to win the World Series. BIC ballpoint pens were introduced in America and Aluminum beer cans made their debut. The average American worker earned **\$91.53** per week. **Alaska** and **Hawaii** were admitted to Statehood, and, significantly, the **Village of Indian Head Park was incorporated**.

Today, we drink water from Lake Michigan, have a reliable local police department, watch cable TV, communicate with each other through the internet, shop in local stores, eat in local restaurants, drive safely in winter over streets salted and plowed by our DPW. We have preserved the open park-like ambiance that existed 50 years ago as a Tree City USA, established a local library at the Heritage Center, maintained

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our rich history as reflected by the Lyonsville Church and have grown to a community of over 3800 residents. Since 1959, we have overcome problems, resolved issues, expanded our boundaries, and accomplished much. Our community is indeed a wonderful place to live and raise a family. On behalf of all our residents, I want to say to those who have in the past or currently volunteer and serve us in various capacities on our local boards, commissions, and associations or as docents: **Our community is better because of what you all do! Thank You!** We know there is more to do and we will move forward. However, we are entitled to take time every now and then to note what we have done and that is what today is all about. The Village of Indian Head Park, 1959-2009, Celebrating 50 years! Now, let's have fun!!

The Village will commemorate and celebrate our "**half century**" of incorporation throughout the year following our Village's 50th Anniversary of August 4, 2009. Enjoy the banners and thanks for your enthusiastic support! In closing, I hope you all had a wonderful summer and wish all of our students from pre-school through graduate school a successful school year! Their successes are a source of pride to our entire Village!

Best Regards,

Richard S. Andrews, Mayor

Scheduled Meeting Dates

Village Board of Trustees 7:30 p.m.:

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Thursday, October 8, 2009

Planning and Zoning Commission 7:30 p.m.:

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Fire/Police Commission 7:00 p.m.:

Thursday, November 5, 2009

All meetings are held at the Municipal Facility at 201 Acacia Drive. All residents are welcomed!

Smoke Signals

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Deadline date for the next issue is September 21, 2009.

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Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage

"A River Thru History - The Des Plaines Valley Rendezvous".

The Rendezvous will be held on Saturday, October 10 and Sunday, October 11, 2009 - from 10:00 a.m.

to 5:00 p.m. at the Columbia Woods Forest Preserve in Willow Springs, Illinois. A **River Thru History** is an early American party with all the trimmings! Join this festive gathering of fur trappers, settlers, craftsmen, and entertainers along the banks of the Des Plaines River. **Mission Statement:** A River Thru History is a living history reenactment of early American life, as it was on the Illinois frontier prior to 1848, with emphasis on our local history from the fur trade era to the canal era. The goal of this rendezvous is to be the premier event of this type in this area by creating an exciting, entertaining and educational experience for all ages.

To this end, we strive to create a better understanding and appreciation of our history by allowing the public and the reenactors to mingle, both as witnesses and participants, in our event. Finally, we seek to have the most authentic and highest quality reenactors and trade goods to represent our vision of the rendezvous. This is consistent with the overall goal of the Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor Civic Center Authority, which is to promote and enhance the historic, recreational and economic development of this new style National Park.



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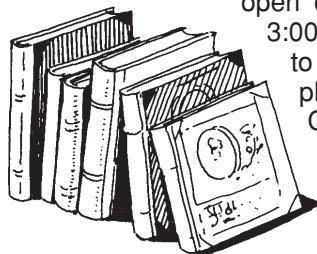
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O. William Olsen	Apr. 1965	Apr. 1967
Leonard Luck	Apr. 1967	Apr. 1971
Charles Holt	Apr. 1971	Apr. 1975
Jerome Cihak	Apr. 1975	Apr. 1979
Martha Elterman	Apr. 1979	Jul. 1980
A. B. Kisciunas	Jul. 1980	Apr. 1987
David B. McAfee	Apr. 1987	Apr. 1991
Werner H. Perthel	Apr. 1991	Apr. 1995
Edward J. Jaeky	Apr. 1995	Apr. 1999
Richard F. Pellegrino	Apr. 1999	Apr. 2007

Heritage Center Library

The Heritage Center Library located at 6250 Wolf Road is open on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Sunday from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. The library is a nice place to read, study and reflect. Come see us and enjoy the ambiance of this lovely home of a century ago. If you are interested in volunteering as docent call Jane Kuhn at (708) 246-0293.



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The Pleasantdale Garden Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at the Pleasant Dale Park District building located at 7425 Wolf Road in Burr Ridge. Joann Loebel, a member of the Garden Club of Illinois will present a program on pressing flowers. For further details, please contact Alison Koehler at (630) 662-8061.



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Happy 50th Anniversary Indian Head Park!



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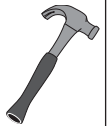


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A special thanks to those that made a donation to the Village of Indian Head Park 50th Anniversary Celebration: Ally Custodial, American Body Company, Chariot Automotive, Fuller's Car Wash, Indian Head Park Heritage Foundation, Virchow, Krause & Co., Chicagoland Roofers Apprenticeship

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Thank you to the following volunteers who helped to make the 50th anniversary a success! Diane Andrews, Bridget and Brittany Anselmo, Gina Puntini, Brian Bailey, Julie Bailey, Katie Bailey, Jane Bailey, Billy Bailey, Patrick Bailey, Rachel Pellegrino, Tera Havey, Emily Powers, Kylee McDermott, Joey Pellegrino, Brian McDermott, Patrick Callaghan, Raymond Leuser, Ryan Leuser, Tiana Brescia, Tiffany Brescia, Shari Brescia.

Rachel Pellegrino and three other members of her karate team won the silver medal representing Illinois at the National Shotokan Championships held in Fort Lauderdale Florida in July.

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